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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE SAME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir: Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identfied application. Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed. No additional fee is required. The fee has been calculated as shown below: OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY (COL. 1) (COL. 2) (COL. 3) SMALL ENTITY Claims Remaining After Amendment Highest No. Present Extra Additional Fee OR Rate Previously Paid For 6 20 0 18 0 2 3 0 Indep. Minus 42 \$ 84 0 First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims 140 280 \$ Total OR Total If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write '0' in Col. 3.

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application as follows.